

Torrance, California.
May 4th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 4th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. Absent: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the special meeting of April 26th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Chairman of the Fire Works Committee of the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, requesting permission to erect three booths within the City limits for the purpose of selling fireworks on the second, third and fourth of July. Councilman Steiner moved permission be granted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from L.C. Burger was read with reference to a lumber bill in the amount of \$9.00 for lumber used in making a wind break. Councilman Conner moved the matter be referred to the proper committee. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated there is a resignation of a city official on file in the City Clerk's office which should be acted on, and requested the clerk to get it for him. The Mayor then read the resignation of Councilman Steiner together with his application for position as Superintendent or Manager of the Water Department when such Department was created. The resignation and application were dated August 28th., 1930. After some discussion, Councilman Wright moved Mr. Steiner's resignation be returned to him. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner and Steiner. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner spoke with reference to the unemployment situation, and urged the men to be fair to themselves regarding the rotation of city work.

Councilman Ludlow explained the Block System for raising funds which had been worked out by the American Legion and moved that a committee from the Board be appointed to cooperate with the Legion. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Jensen read:

ORDINANCE NO. 232

AN ORDINANCE FIXING CITY JUDGE'S AND CITY MARSHAL'S
COMPENSATION, AMENDING ORDINANCES 161 AND 195.

Councilman Wright introduced Ordinance No. 232.

City Attorney Jensen read:

RESOLUTION NO. 530

FIXING CITY ENGINEER'S COMPENSATION

Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 530 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman.
NOES:	"	None.
ABSENT:	"	None.

RESOLUTION NO. 531

FIXING STREET SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENSATION

Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 531 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

RESOLUTION NO. 532CONCERNING DEFEAT OF CHARTER AS PER REQUEST OF THE
LOS ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 532 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.

Mayor Klusman stated Attorney Jensen would explain the status of the water company. Attorney Jensen stated for the benefit of the new members that this case is now in the Supreme Court. Councilman Steiner moved City Attorney be an attorney of record in this case. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Clerk Bartlett mentioned a Resolution should be drawn up. Councilman Steiner moved that a Resolution be adopted to that effect. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The \$500.00 Attorney's fee referred to the case of Venema vs. City of Torrance. Attorney Jensen stated in this case Findley and Rippey are attorneys of record. Judge Rippey stated at time the case was filed he drew up a demurrer to the complaint, made a brief of the entire transaction. The demurrer was over ruled and he filed an answer and had plaintiff put up a cost bill. Case is ready for a trial. Councilman Steiner moved the motion heretofore made authorizing the \$500.00 retainer's fee in the Venema vs. City of Torrance be rescinded. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen reported that an account of Viking Steel Company is now pressing. Judge Rippey and Attorney Findley investigated this account and found it would be in excess of the income of that year.

Attorney Jensen reported there were two other cases pending, the extension of Prairie Avenue. Time to plead has been stipulated with Dominguez Estates and General Petroleum Corporation. Nothing has been done on it in over a year. Councilman Conner moved City Attorney Jensen be substituted in this case. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Conner moved the City Attorney be instructed to proceed with this case in the regular form. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen reported with reference to the case of the County of Los Angeles vs. Mau. This case is with reference to a bond affecting improvement of streets in Tract 9306 which had been given to the County by a subdividor who had failed, and as the subdivision in question was included in the McDonald Annexation apparently the City of Torrance would have to assume the litigation. Councilman Conner moved City Attorney Jensen be substituted in this case. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried

by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner, and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Conner moved the City Attorney be instructed to confer with the County Attorney and report his findings at another meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated that the question of acquiring the water system would soon come up and said that the C.C.M.O. Co. had conveyed the pipe lines in their tract to the present water company without compensation.

Councilman Ludlow raised the question of publishing minutes in the Torrance Herald. He thought that mimeograph copies could be made and distributed at much less expense. This matter is to come up at another meeting.

Councilman Conner inquired with reference to the Health Center and after some discussion in regard to payment for the site, Councilman Wright moved City Attorney be appointed committee of one to interview the Dominguez Land Company and see what could be done and report at next meeting. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen stated no request had been filed with the Railroad Commission on water rates as yet. If the City Council wants him to go ahead and file a petition they should authorize it.

Judge Rippey stated that J.C. Smith had called together several leading citizens to make an investigation into actual conditions and a report was to be rendered later.

Mayor Klusman called attention to the necessity of having two clocks, one for the Council Chambers and one for the Clerk's office. After some discussion in which there was opposition from the audience, Councilman Conner moved that the Clerk get prices from local dealers on two clocks such as are, in his opinion needed, and report at next meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner inquired concerning the proceedings for the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue in connection with the Pacific Electric tracks. Engineer Leonard stated that the city has a proposal from Mr. Pontius, President of the Railway Company, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company, to construct the railroad tracks in the center of the right-of-way from the depot to Carson Street putting in girder rails at an expense to the city not to exceed \$12,500.00 the city to also bear the expense of the entire paving of the right-of-way. Councilman Conner stated that he desired the council to know the status of this proceeding that it might be taken under consideration as future business.

After some discussion with reference to using local help on the Fern Avenue School project, Councilman Conner moved that the City Attorney draw up a petition requesting the contractor who is awarded the contract to give employment to as many home people as possible. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the meeting be adjourned to Wednesday, May 11th., 1932, at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

A. H. Baxendale
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

A. J. Klusman
Mayor of the City of Torrance.